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Dear Sir:

Please amend this application as follows:

In the Specification:

In paragraph [0010] please change "0.2 to 5.0 weight percent of water soluble cellulose" to "0.01 to 5.0 weight percent of water soluble cellulose". This change will make the range consistent with the range as stated in the STATEMENT OF THE INVENTION in paragraphs [0006] and [0007] where it is "0.01 to 5 modified cellulose" by weight percent.

REMARKS

The above change in the specification in no way introduces new matter. The change corrects an obvious mistake in the DETAILED DESCRIPTION.

Attached to this Preliminary Amendment is a corrected page 3 of the specification.

Respectfully submitted,

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alloys thereof.

[0010] The polishing composition of this invention contains 0.01 to 5.0 weight percent of water soluble cellulose modified with carboxylic acid functionality. Preferably, the composition contains about 0.3 weight percent of water soluble cellulose. Exemplary modified cellulose are anionic gums such as agar gum, arabic gum, ghatti gum, karaya gum, guar gum, pectin, locust bean gum, tragacanth gums, tamarind gum, carrageenan gum, and xanthan gum, modified starch, alginic acid, mannuronic acid, guluronic acid, and their modifications and combinations. The preferred water soluble cellulose, carboxy methyl cellulose (CMC), has a degree of substitution of 0.1 to 3.0 with a molecular weight of 20K to 1000K. More preferred CMC has a degree of substitution of 0.7 to 1.2 with a molecular weight of 40K to 250K. Degree of substitution in CMC is the number of hydroxyl groups on each anhydroglucose unit in the cellulose molecule that is substituted. It can be considered as a measure of the "density" of carboxylic acid groups in the CMC.

[0011] Advantageously, the solution contains up to 25 weight percent oxidizer. More preferably, the oxidizer is in the range of 5 to 10 weight percent. The oxidizer is particularly effective at assisting the solution in removing copper at low pH ranges. The oxidizing agent can be at least one of a number of oxidizing compounds, such as hydrogen peroxide (H_2O_2), monopersulfates, iodates, magnesium perphthalate, peracetic acid and other per-acids, persulfates, bromates, periodates, nitrates, iron salts, cerium salts, Mn (III), Mn (IV) and Mn (VI) salts, silver salts, copper salts, chromium salts, cobalt salts, halogens, hypochlorites and a mixture thereof. Furthermore, it is often advantageous to use a mixture of oxidizer compounds. When the polishing slurry contains an unstable oxidizing agent such as, hydrogen peroxide, it is often most advantageous to mix the oxidizer into the composition at the point of use.

[0012] Further, the solution contains 0.05 to 1.0 weight percent inhibitor to control copper interconnect removal rate by static etch or other removal mechanism. Adjusting the concentration of an inhibitor adjusts the interconnect metal removal rate by protecting the metal from static etch. Advantageously, the solution contains 0.2 to 1.0 weight percent inhibitor. The inhibitor may consist of a mixture of inhibitors. Azole inhibitors are particularly effective for copper and silver interconnects. Typical azole inhibitors include benzotriazole (BTA), mercaptobenzothiazole (MBT), tolytriazole and imidazole. BTA is a particularly effective inhibitor for copper and silver.